

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for treating an ocular disease caused by a bacterial microbe in a subject, the method comprising administering into the eye of a subject, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a collectin.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said collectin is a tear surfactant protein.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said microbe is a gram-negative bacterium.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said gram-negative bacterium is *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ocular disease is bacterial keratitis.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said subject is a contact-lens wearer.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said collectin is applied topically.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising administering a second therapeutic agent to said subject.
- 12-19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A method for treating an ocular disease caused by a bacterial microbe in a subject, the method comprising administering into the eye of a subject, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a surfactant protein.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the collectin is surfactant protein-D.

24. (New) A method for protecting corneal cells against bacterial invasion, the method comprising administering into the eye of a subject, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of surfactant protein-D.